GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works of CC roads, taken up under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 executed by the PRI Division, Srikakulam - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 546 **Dated: 31-05-2016**
Read:

1. Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.58 (C.No.481-4/V&E/E2/20132), Dt.25.07.2015.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad(with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)
SF/SC.

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Annexure – I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam

Charge-1

That Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam has made payment to all the works without assessing the strength and made payment to the inferior quality of CC pavements without inspection and without check measuring any of the following six (6) works and loss caused to Government funds to a tune of Rs.16,29,310/-.

Work No.1: Construction of CC road at Malamannayyapeta (H) of Lankam (GP) Srikakulam (M) Est. Rs.11.50 lakhs

Work No.2: Construction of internal roads and drains in SC/ST Localities Chilakapalem of Etcherla (M) Est. Rs.21.00 lakhs

Work No.3: Construction of CC roads and Drains in HW to Muktumpuram of Ranasthalam (M) Est. Rs.16.00 lakhs

Work No-4: Providing CC roads and Drains in SC Locality of B.Kuncharam of Ponduru (M0 Est. Rs.10.00 lakhs

Work No-5: Construction of CC roads and drains in SC colony of Talada of Santhakavity (M) Est. Rs.10.00 Lakhs

Work No-6: Construction of CC roads and Drains in SC colony of Gotiwada of Jalumuru (M) Est. Rs.11.60 Lakhs

By his above mentioned act, Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department vide their report No.58 (C.No.481-4/V&E/E2/2013), dt.25-07-2015 have informed that V&E officials verified the works of Cement Concrete Roads taken up under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram Districts.

Work No.2: Construction of internal roads and drains in SC/ST Localities Chilakapalem of Etcherla (M) Est. Rs.21.00 lakhs

The work was administratively approved vide Rc.No.367/2012-13/EGS/E3, dt.27-01-2013 and technically sanctioned vide DR No.242/2012-13, dt.05-03-2013 for Rs.21.00 lakhs of the PRI Sub-Division, Etcherla under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

1. The CC pavement executed with M30 Grade concrete has failed to achieve the required strength and hence, the entire CC pavement of Bit-II of 69.60mts length is to be rejected and is to be re-laid at the cost of the Contractor/Executing Agency. Thus, the loss caused to the Government is to a tune of Rs.1,43,856/-.
2. Sand filling underneath the CC pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.34,783/- is proposed as recovery from the bills of the executing agency towards the deficiencies observed.
3. The CC pavement in Bit 2 & 3 are executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.98,899/- is proposed as recovery from the bills of the executing agency towards deficiencies observed.
4. The field officers have not conducted any QC tests before and after execution of the work to ascertain the strength of the CC pavement with M30 Grade.

Work No.3: Construction of CC roads and Drains in HW to Muktumpuram of Ranasthalam (M) Est. Rs.16.00 lakhs

The work was administratively approved vide Rc.No.367/2012-13/EGS/E3, dt.27-01-2013 and technically sanctioned vide DR No.438/2012-13, dt.15-03-2013 for Rs.16.00 lakhs of the PRI Sub-Division, Etcherla under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

1. Sand filling underneath the CC pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs. 59,121/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency towards the deficiency.
2. The CC pavements in Bit 2 & 3 are executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.8,84,044/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency towards the deficiency.
3. The field officers have not conducted any QC tests before and after execution of the work to ascertain the strength of the CC pavement with M30 Grade.
4. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Srikakulam has not verified the strength of the CC pavement and not check measured the work before making payment.
5. Internal quality control wing, V&.QC, Srikakulam has not inspected the work till today though one year has lapsed after execution of CC pavement.

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Work No-4: Providing CC roads and Drains in SC Locality of B.Kuncharam of Ponduru (M0 Est. Rs.10.00 lakhs

The work was administratively approved vide Rc.No.367/2012-13/EGS/E3, dt.27-01-2013 and technically sanctioned vide DR No.356/2012-13, dt.07-03-2013 for Rs.10.00 lakhs of the PRI Sub-Division, Amadalavalasa under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

1. The CC pavement executed with M30 Grade concrete has failed to achieve the required strength and hence, the entire CC pavement of Bit-II is rejected and is to be re-laid at the cost of the Contractor. Thus, the loss caused to the Government is to a tune of Rs.91,233/-.
2. Sand filling underneath the CC pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.13,181/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency towards the deficiency.
3. The field officers have not conducted any QC tests before and after execution of the work to ascertain the strength of the CC pavement with M30 Grade.

Work No-5: Construction of CC roads and drains in SC colony of Talada of Santhakavity (M) Est. Rs.10.00 Lakhs

The work was administratively approved vide Rc.No.367/2012-13/EGS/E3, dt.27-01-2013 and technically sanctioned vide DR No.300/2012-13, dt.13-02-2014 for Rs.10.00 lakhs of the PRI Sub-Division, Rajam under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

1. The CC pavement executed with M30 Grade concrete has failed to achieve the required strength and hence, the entire CC pavement of Bit-II is rejected and is to be re-laid at the cost of the executing agency. The loss caused to the Government is to a tune of Rs.1,77,556/-.
2. Sand filling underneath the CC pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.20,065/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency.
3. The field officers have not conducted any QC tests before and after execution of the work to ascertain the strength of the CC pavement with M30 Grade.
4. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Srikakulam has not verified the strength of the CC Pavement and not check measured the work before making payment.

Work No-6: Construction of CC roads and Drains in SC colony of Gotiwada of Jalumuru (M) Est. Rs.11.60 Lakhs

The work was administratively approved vide Rc.No.367/2012-13/EGS/E3, dt.27-01-2013 and technically sanctioned vide DR No.326/2012-13, dt.07-03-2013 for Rs.11.60 lakhs of the PRI Sub-Division, Narasannapeta under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

1. The CC pavement executed with M30 Grade concrete has failed to achieve the required strength and hence, the entire CC pavement of Bit-II is rejected and is to be re-laid at the cost of the contractor. The loss caused to the Government is to a tune of Rs.77,201/-.

2. Sand filling underneath the CC pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.25,975/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency.

3. The CC Pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.3,396/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency.

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4. The field officers have not conducted any QC tests before and after execution of the work to ascertain the strength of the CC pavement with M30 Grade.
5. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Srikakulam has not checkmeasured and not verified the strength of the CC Pavement before making payment.
6. The internal quality control wing V&QC, Srikakulam officials have not inspecte4d the work even though one year lapsed after execution.

Recovery proposed

Name & Designation	Name of the work	Item proposed for recovery	Recovery Amount (Rs.)
Sri A. Prabhakara Rao, EE	Construction of internal roads and drains in SC/ST Localities Chilakapalem of Etcherla (M) Est.Rs.21.00 lakhs	i. Strength of CC Pavement with M30 Grade (Rejected layer amount).	1,43,856
		ii. Thickness of CC pavement	98,899
		iii. Thickness of sand filling	34,783
		Sub-Total	**2,77,538**
	Construction of CC road and drains in HW to Muktumpuram of Ranastalam (M) Est.Rs.16.00 lakhs	i. Thickness of pavement (deficiency more than 205)	8,84,044
		ii. Thickness of sand filling	59,121
		Sub-Total	**9,43,165**
	Providing CC roads and Drains in SC locality of B.Kancharam of Ponduru (M) Est.Rs.10.00 lakhs	i. Strength of CC Pavement with M30 Grade (Rejected layer amount).	91,233
		ii. Thickness of sand filling	13,181
		Sub Total	**1,04,414**
	Construction of CC roads and Drains in SC Colony of Talada of Santhakavity (M) Rs.10.00 lakhs.	i. Strength of CC Pavement with M30 Grade (Rejected layer amount).	1,77,556
		ii. Thickness of sand filling	20,065
		Sub Total	**1,97,621**
	Construction of CC roads and Drains in SC Colony of Gotiwada of Jalamuru (M) Est. Rs.11.60 lakhs.	i. Strength of CC Pavement with M30 Grade (Rejected layer amount).	77,201
		ii. Thickness of CC Pavement	3,396
		iii. Thickness of sand filling	25,572
		Sub Total	**1,06,572**
		Grand Total	**16,29,310**

The individual has deviated the office procedure for his personal gain and has made payment to all the works without assessing the strength and made payment to the inferior quality of CC pavements without inspection and without check measuring any of the above works.

By his above mentioned act, Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam, failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charges framed against Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam are proposed to be sustained.

Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.58 (C.No.481-4/V&E/E2/20132), Dt.25.07.2015.

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges framed against Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Visakhapatnam are proposed to be sustained.

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